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Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. An Amendment B (26 pages) with Exhibits A-C attached;
2. A Petition for Extension of Time (Form PTO/SB/22, 2 pages) in duplicate;
3. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (3 pages);
4. Form PTO-1449 in duplicate;
5. Copies of two (2) cited references;
6. A Copy of Supplemental Information Disclosure filed on January 30, 2004 and the return-receipt postcard with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon indicating receipt of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
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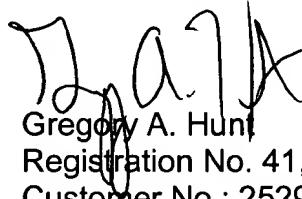
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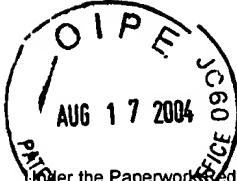
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Addendum

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METHOD AND SYSTEMS FOR COMMUNICATING SIGNALING SYSTEM 7 (SS7)
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| 1001 770 | 2001 385 | Utility filing fee | |
| 1002 340 | 2002 170 | Design filing fee | |
| 1003 530 | 2003 265 | Plant filing fee | |
| 1004 770 | 2004 385 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 1005 160 | 2005 80 | Provisional filing fee | |
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| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 1201 86 | 2201 43 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 1203 290 | 2203 145 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 1204 86 | 2204 43 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 1205 18 | 2205 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |
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| 1053 130 | 1053 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1812 2,520 | 1812 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1804 920* | 1804 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 1805 1,840* | 1805 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 1251 110 | 2251 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
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| 1401 330 | 2401 165 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 1402 330 | 2402 165 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 1403 290 | 2403 145 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 1451 1,510 | 1451 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 1452 110 | 2452 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 1453 1,330 | 2453 665 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 1501 1,330 | 2501 665 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 1502 480 | 2502 240 | Design issue fee | |
| 1503 640 | 2503 320 | Plant issue fee | |
| 1460 130 | 1460 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 1807 50 | 1807 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 1806 180 | 1806 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | 180.00 |
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| 1809 770 | 2809 385 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a)) | |
| 1810 770 | 2810 385 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b)) | |
| 1801 770 | 2801 385 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
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